lopment Corporation Limited, Bata India Limited and IRBI, for preparing a viability report on National Tannery Company Limited, which has already submitted its report.

Japanese aid for NTPC projects

1276. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC has been assured a sizable Japanese aid of Rs. 880 crore for its various projects;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Japanese assistance will be utilised for the expansion of Ramagundam and Farakka Power Plants and for laying the transmission lines of the Rihand Project; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the investment proposed to the above projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has raised the following loans from Japan for financing its various projects:—

(i) 10 billion yen from the Industrial Bank of Japan and the Nippon Life Insurance Company for general purposes.

(ii) 62 billion yen from the Exim Bank of Japan to meet expenditure on local costs for the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project Stage-II, the Farakka Super Thermal Power Project Stage-II and the Rihand Power Transmission Project.

(iii) 30 billion yen from a syndicate of banks and financial institutions to finance a portion of the requirements of the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project Stage-II, the Farakka Super Thermal Power Project Stage-II and the Rihand Transmission Lines Project.

Setting up of coal based power stations in coastal areas

1277. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Authority is awaiting a report from the RITES on the possibility of setting up of a string of coal-based power stations in the coastal areas of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the RITES is expected to go into the logistics of moving coal from the collieries in Orissa and other parts of the country as well as from the overseas sources for power houses set up on the coasts of the Southern States; and

(c) by when the report is expected by the CEA from the RITES?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) M/s. Rail India Technical & Economic Services Limited (RITES) are expected to go into the least cost solution in regard to transportation of coal from the Talcher coalfields in Orissa to various sites for coastal thermal stations. M/s. RITES have submitted their first draft report to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in April, 1988 and their final report is awaited.

Delay in despatch of electricity bills for Vasant Vihar CPWD Complex

1278. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer

to Unstarred Question 1106 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bills for the period from August to December, 1987 which were proposed to be sent within a period of one month, i.e. upto 8th April, 1988 have not so far been despatched to the residents of Vasant Vihar C.P.W.D. Complex Colony, New Delhi; if so, what are the detailed reasons for inordinate delay; and

(b) by when the bills are likely to be despatched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) According to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, the process of creation of master data for computerisation of electricity bills of R.K. Puram District took more time than expected and led to delay in despatch of electricity bills to the consumers of the colony referred to in the question. The bills have since been despatched by DESU on 27th April, 1988.

Anti-Social activities in Dobari Colliery

1279. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that anti-social elements are active in the newly built quarters of Dobari Colliery under BCCL and the workers have fled from the quarter;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the workers had demanded posting of Central Security Force to protect the quarters and properties of the BCCL;

(c) whether connivance of local officers with the anti-social elements has been proved; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) During the Six day strike in the coal industry in March, 1988, some anti-social elements entered the quarters in Dobari Colliery in BCCL in the night of 17.3.1988 to terrorise and prevent loyal workers from attending duties. They assaulted some of the workers and injured 4 persons. A police case has been instituted in this connection at the local Police Station. It is not a fact that workers fled away and abandoned their quarters. They did demand for police protection and it was arranged by introducing night patrolling by C.I.S.F.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Acquiring of land for Mukunda Project

1280. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area of land to be acquired in Mukunda Project under BCCL, in Dhanbad, indicating the break up between coal bearing and non-coal bearing areas;

(b) the area of good paddy land to be acquired in the non-coal bearing area; and

(c) what is the justification for acquiring non-coal bearing paddy land for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) In all, 4739 hectares of land is to be acquired for Mukunda Project, consisting of 1585 hectares of coal bear-